

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 2222 - HB 2507**

February 14, 2020

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires, upon approval of the design and completion of the monument or statue honoring David Crockett by the State Capitol Commission (SCC), that such monument or statue be placed upon the pedestal above the entrance to the Motlow Tunnel on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. Requires that the statue of Edward Carmack be relocated to an appropriate location on capitol grounds, as determined by the SCC.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$152,200/FY20-21/State Capitol Commission**

Assumptions:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 4-1-412(b) prohibits any memorial regarding a historic conflict, historic entity, historic event, historic figure, or historic organization that is, or is located on, public property, from being removed, renamed, relocated, altered, rededicated, or otherwise disturbed or altered, unless a public entity exercising control of the memorial petitions the Tennessee Historical Commission (THC) for a waiver of such prohibition.
- A notice of the petition is required to be published on the website of the public entity and in at least two newspapers. The THC is required to conduct initial and final hearings on the petition during regularly-scheduled THC meetings. Any petition that fails to receive a two-thirds vote shall be denied.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-8-302, the State Capitol Commission (SCC) has the power and duty to, among other things, establish policy governing maintenance of the state capitol.
- Based on responses to the 2017 Local Government Survey conducted by the Fiscal Review Committee staff, participating local government officials reported the average cost for a newspaper notification is \$114. The total one-time cost of publishing a notice of the petition in two newspapers is estimated to be \$228 (\$114 x 2).
- It is assumed that once completed, the statue of David Crockett will be comparable in size to that of the Edward Carmack statue.
- According to the Department of General Services (DGS), the estimated cost to move the Edward Carmack statue to what is a currently unknown location would be approximately \$11,000.
- Assuming that the new site for the Edward Carmack statue requires granite slab, the DGS estimates that such site preparation will cost approximately \$30,000.

- The legislation requires that the statue of David Crockett be placed on the pedestal above the Motlow Tunnel entrance.
- The pedestal currently on such site has the name of Edward Carmack engraved upon it on a stone plaque; thus a new stone plaque would need to be purchased.
- A quote attained by the DGS estimates the cost of a new pedestal at approximately \$10,000.
- The proposed legislation states that “Once the design of the monument or statue honoring David Crockett is approved by the state capitol commission and the monument or statue is completed, the monument or statue must be placed on the pedestal above the entrance to the Motlow Tunnel on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard”.
- It is therefore assumed that a new full-figure statue of David Crockett will be commissioned, developed, constructed, and moved to the location above the Motlow Tunnel entrance.
- The cost of design and construction of such statue is unknown. However, the 2014 Appropriation Act, Public Chapter 919, included \$25,000 for the David Crockett bust, and the 2015 Appropriation Act, Public Chapter 427, included an additional \$35,000, for a total of \$60,000. Based on those figures, it is reasonably assumed that the one-time cost associated with the design and construction of the statute will exceed \$100,000.
- The cost to place the David Crockett statue on the new pedestal above the entrance to the Motlow Tunnel is estimated to equal that to relocate the Edward Carmack statue, or approximately \$11,000.
- A one-time increase in state expenditures to the SCC in FY20-21 exceeding \$152,228 (\$11,000 + \$30,000 + \$100,000 + \$11,000 + \$228).

## **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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